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LETTER DATED 7 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated today, from
my President to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document
of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 7 March 1994 from the President of the Republic
of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the
Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that Srebrenica, a town declared a "safe area" according to resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), had been relatively quiet for some time. However, recently, the Serb aggressor has resumed attacks against this "safe area", thus, blatantly violating the provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions.

While the rotation of United Nations peace-keeping contingents was taking place, Serb forces occupied the villages of Ljeskovici, Ursici, Jasenova and Podravanje, all situated within the area declared safe, on 2, 3 and 4 March, respectively. During the night of 4 and 5 March, Serb forces attacked a camp settlement in Slapovici which had been built out of donations from the Governments of Sweden and Norway. In this attack, they killed and/or imprisoned a number of civilians. Approximately 1,000 inhabitants who had moved into a completed part of the settlement, were forced to flee towards the town of Srebrenica.

From the above mentioned, it is evident that the aggressor continues to ignore all the decisions of the international community while, on the other hand, UNPROFOR is unable to protect the civilian population in the demilitarized zone of Srebrenica.

We urge the Security Council to take all the appropriate measures to force Serbian troops to withdraw to the lines that had been demarcated around Srebrenica before the attacks took place. We also urge the Council to ensure a firmer control of the situation on the ground in order that the refugees be guaranteed at least basic safety in their provisional settlements.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President
